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SUBJ: SITUATION AT LOCAL LEVEL

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1. THE SITUATION REGARDING INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN TUSCANY IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THAT FACING THE PARTY IN EMILIA ROMAGNA. IN THE LATTER REGION, THE PRO-ZACCAGNINI FORCES ARE FIRMLY IN COMMAND AND OUT IN FRONT NATIONALLY ON THE RENEWAL ISSUE. IN TUSCANY, THE SITUATION IS MUCH DIFFERENT WITH THE NATIONAL DIVISION CLEARLY REFLECTED IN THE REGIONAL BICKERING OVER THE SELECTION OF THE NEW REGIONAL PARTY CHIEF (REFTEL B) ANDIN THE DISCUSSIONS OVER THE SELECTION OF ELECTION LISTS.

2. A RECENT VISIT TO REGGIO EMILIA AND MODENA (REFTEL C) WAS INSTRUCTIVE ON THE DEPTH OF FEELING OVER THE NEED TO REJUVENATE THE PARTY. IN REGGIO, FOR EXAMPLE, A HIGH PARTY OFFICIAL STATED THAT IF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS NOT MADE IN THIS EFFORT, THE PARTY WAS FINISHED. IN MODENA, A HIGH PARTY OFFICIAL INDICATED THT THE PARTY WAS PLANNING TO SELECT A NOTED BOLOGNA ECONOMIST TO BE ITS CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE. THE MAN IN QUESTION, WHILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A MEMBER OF THE PARTY, HAD NEVER RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE BEFORE.

3. REGARDING THE QUESTION OF A PARTY SPLIT, OFFICIALS

IN REGGIO AND MODENA INDICATED THAT IN EMILIA ROMAGNA
THERE WAS NOT ANY INTERNAL BICKERING AND THAT THE PARTY
WAS UNITED. THIS SEEMD TO BE CLEARLY THE RESULT OF THE
DOMINATION BY THE LEFT WING OF THE PARTY IN THE MOST
LEFT WING REGION OF ITALY.

4. IN TUSCANY, THE FORCES ARE MORE EVENLY MATCHED AND THE
SITUATION IS MORE UNCERTAIN SINCE DAF (DOROTEL,
ANDREOTTIANI, FANFANI) UNITED HAS A SLIGHT MAJORITY
OVER PRO-ZACCAGNINI FORCES. THE DIFFICULTY IN
FINDING AGREEMENT ON A NEW REGIONAL PARTY SECRETARY HAS
NECESSARILY DELAYED, SOMEWHAT, THE AGREEMENT ON ELECTION
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